GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO-RUSSIA JOINT WORKING GROUP ON TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether India and Russia have decided to set up a joint working group to tackle the increasing problem of International terrorism in Central Asia;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the group is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) During the State Visit to India by the President of the Russian Federation, His Excellency Mr. Vladimir Putin, from October 2-5, 2000, it was decided that an Indo-Russian Joint Working Group on Afghanistan would be established.

(c) The first meeting of the Indo-Russian Joint Working Group on Afghanistan was held in New Delhi on November 20-21, 2000.